

JOSEPH PERRINE GRIGGS

The first settler in Cherry Valley was Joseph Perrine Griggs. He was Scottish. He was the son of Thomas and Catherine Griggs. They were from Matchaponix, New Jersey.

Joseph was born on June 22, 1787 in New Jersey. He married Sally Goodrich May 25, 1813. She was born on October 1, 1787.

Their children were Fanny, Calvin Goodrich, Ensign Bush, Landon Ezekiel, Jacob Van Dusen (died 1823), Horace (born 1825), and Eli (born 1827).

In August, 1835 they settled on the north bank of the Kishwaukee River. There was but one house in Rockford when the Griggs's family came to Cherry Valley.

They moved in 1840 to South Prairie, a few miles south of Cherry Valley. Joseph died March 5, 1845 of pneumonia. Sally died in 1868.

There is more information on the Griggs's family in "Our Memories are Warm" book, pages 19 through 21. This book can be purchased in our museum.